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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DAILY SUMMARY NO. 17

1. U.S. AND PHILIPPINE NEGOTATING PANELS MET IN PLENARY SESSION MORNING JULY 13 AND, AT PHILIPPINE REQUEST, IMMEDIATELY ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION COMPOSED OF PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATORS ONLY. WORKING GROUPS DID NOT MEET, SINCE THEIR GROUP LEADERS WERE INVOLVED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH CONTINUED THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

2. PURPOSE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS ATTRIBUTED BY ROMUALDEZ TO NEED TO RESOLVE IMPASSE WHICH HAD DEVELOPED IN FACILITIES WORKING GROUP AS RESULT OF REVISED DRAFTS TABLED BY U.S. ON JULY 12. SULLIVAN SAID HE ALSO WISHED
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USE THIS SESSION TO OBTAIN DETAILED REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS

WHICH GOP HAD JUST CONCLUDED WITH VIETNAM, PARTICULARLY AS THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME BEARING ON U.S. USE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN PHILIPPINES.

3. MORNING SESSION WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO RATHER EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION BY PELAEZ OF HIS MOST SINISTER INTERPRETATION OF U.S. INTENTIONS AS DERIVED FROM OUR APPROACH TO FACILITIES, WITH PRIME FOCUS ON DEFINITION. U.S. REPTS ATTEMPTED DISABUSE HIM ON THESE SUSPICIONS, AND, BY END OF MORNING SESSION, HAD REDUCED DISCUSSION TO FAIRLY RATIONAL TERMS. DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN SEPARATE OPERATIONAL CABLE.

4. AFTERNOON SESSION BEGAN WITH APPARENTLY STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORT BY INGLES OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOP AND SRV, WHICH LED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ESSENCE OF THIS REPORT AND AN EVALUATION WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO INGLES REPORT, EXECUTIVE SESSION TURNED TO YLBJEKT WHICH, IN MANY WAYS, MAY UNDERLIE MUCH OF THE DIFFICULTY WHICH HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN HANDLING THE FACILITIES QUESTION. THIS IS THE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND PHILIPPINE DRAFTS CONCERNING TITLE TO BUILDINGS AND PERMANENT CONSTRUCTIONS ON FACILITIES. U.S. PROPOSES THAT TITLE SHOULD PASS ONLY ON RELINQUISHMENT OF FACILITIES. PHIL DRAFT PROPOSES THAT TITLE SHOULD PASS UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF NEW AGREEMENT. AVAILABILITY AND USE OF BUILDINGS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME, BUT PHILS INSIST THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECT IMPELLING FOR THEM. DETAILS OF THIS DISCUSSION CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

6. AFTERNOON EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT TO RECONVENE IN SAME FORUM MORNING JULY 14 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF FACILITIES.
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